

Takoo Khan Proclaimed Amir—The British Ambassador—Germany Returns to France—Russia Evacuates Korea—U.S.—An Italian Prince.

Special dispatch to The Constitution.

LONDON, December 24.—A Daily News dispatch from Jellalabad, dated the 20th instant, says: Major Cavagnari today received an important communication from the amir, the contents of which have not yet been made known.

A dispatch to the Times from Lahore reports that Yakoob Khan has probably proclaimed amir by the chiefs of the great Afghan tribes. Opinion is divided as to his future course, but it was the defection of the amir's troops who, at Jellalabad, even joined the British, will probably compel him to accept terms if coupled with a guarantee against his father and the Russians. This might obviate even temporary occupation of Cabul by the British troops.

A Vienna dispatch to the Times states that Italy has proposed, in the event of tranquillity not being re-established when the Russians evacuate Roumelia and Bulgaria, that a joint occupation be undertaken by the powers not primarily interested in the eastern question, viz: France, Italy and Germany. The idea, in the form suggested, has not hitherto found much favor in any quarter.

The Times' Berlin correspondent states that a telegram from Odessa announces that preparations are making for a return home of one hundred thousand of General Todtben's men. This is regarded as a sure sign that an definitive Turco-Russian treaty is near being concluded.

The Daily Telegraph's Berlin dispatch says that Russian advises state that the amir has gone to Balkan to raise a Tuscumani army. A news Jellalabad dispatch says the amir has gone to Turkistan. The Telegraph's Quetta dispatch says that the government of Candahar has informed the amir that opposition to the British is futile.

The German government is taking its precautions against evasion of conscription, even to facilitate the departure of socialists. One Monday, a naturalized American, has been prohibited from lecturing in Berlin on the importance of protection to the western states of America, on the ground that not only socialists but a considerable proportion of well-educated Germans would emigrate.

The Standard's Berlin dispatch says Bischoff, the German socialist, has organized a return to the old Prussian principle of duties on all imports, except the raw material indispensable for home industry, and which Germany does not produce, such as cotton, or products in insufficient quantity.

A dispatch to the Post from Berlin says it is announced that Prince Bismarck and Herr Borchert, the Prussian finance minister, have agreed on an agreement relative to a reform in the system of taxation.

PANAMA, December 13.—A fierce norther at Aspinwall on the fourth cut off communication for several days, by sea and rail. The steamer "Potosi" and "Panama" steamers laid to outside several days; the former being obliged to leave on the ninth for England without calling for passengers, freight or mails. Heavy rains, accompanied by a high wind, caused the river to flood in water, some places standing ten feet deep on the track. The storm partially subsided on the 9th, but on the night of the 10th the wind again sprang up, and continued to blow with such violence that the "Asuncion," "Paria," "Clyde" and "Bolivia" were forced to leave their wharves and steer out into the bay. The "Clyde" managed with great difficulty to get outside. The "Bolivia" also went to the "Asuncion" and Panama, refuge in Port Bello. Several sailing vessels in the bay laden with coal for the Panama railroad company. Three were lost and others badly damaged.

In Ecuador the political affairs are in a most unhappy condition. President Vienemann is in Ganoquioy and scarcely a day past he was compelled to flee from a party and tyrannical host that depredated the district in which he held by a large section of the community.

Despite the fears of insurrectionary disturbances in Ecuador, the annexation of the Rio Grande Pardo, which greatly depressed business, Peru remains in perfect peace. The effort to trace the plot to the Pierro Lorti party has not completely succeeded, but it is still vaguely suspected. The trial of the assassin Montoya rapidly. He will, no doubt, be shot without mercy, though in Peru the death penalty is rarely inflicted.

LONDON, December 24.—The Leeds Mercury contradicts on the best authority the report that the Right Hon. W. E. Gladstone has finally decided to stand as a candidate for Midlothian at the next general election. He had been requested to contest that constituency, but he has given no final answer to the liberal committee.

Mr. James Duff, member of the house for Northampton, had served as captain in the 23rd fusiliers was taken prisoner at Inkerman in the Crimean war, and for services in that was received English and Turkish medals. He is a complete gentleman.

The severe weather continues throughout the united kingdom. The distress increases.

The Mayor of Sheffield announced yesterday that 100,000 pounds were given for the relief of the sick and hungry of that city. It is anticipated that the Duke of Edinburg will be promoted to rear admiral.

The master builders of Sheffield have unanimously resolved to give notice of a duration of six weeks to all contractors on the building trade in the case of masons, bricklayers, plasterers and laborers on January the first, and joiners on June 24th, 1878.

CONSTANTINOPLE, December 24.—The porto considers the British guarantee of a further Turkish loan improbable, and is discussing the possibility of obtaining an international guarantee.

London, December 24.—Gambetta, speaking at a banquet at the Grand hotel to-night, anticipated a republican majority of twenty-five in the senate, and said the duty of the republic would be to solidify its own party and govern the country.

AN ALABAMA DUEL.

Two Colored Politicians Seek Satisfaction at the Pistol's Breach.

Communication in Montgomery Advertiser.

Mention has been made of a duel last week between two colored American citizens of African descent. The reports were to the effect that the combatants were to a correct idea of the aforesaid duel, and that the truth of history may be vindicated, let the record be stated to a candid world.

First.—William V. Turner was reported that William V. Turner was a hypocrite, in that he pretended to be a radical, while in fact he was in the service of the democracy.

Second.—William V. Turner, taking up the cause at this recent trial, maintained that he intended to serve the radicals, while in fact he was in the service of the democracy.

Another Jewish Refusal.

NEW YORK, December 24.—The directors of Mt Sinai hospital yesterday considered the proposal of Dr. J. H. Levy to join them on behalf of Mrs. S. T. Sherman and discussed the communications by mail and telegraph from the Hebrews of Cincinnati advising the refusal of the money. They finally voted unanimously that the gift should not be accepted through Judge Judson, and the secretary was authorized to write to that effect.

Admirations in Sung.

NEW YORK, December 24.—President Chaudier has submitted to the board of his committee a bill for the distribution of sugar, in which he states that in two ounces of yellow and coffee sugars he had found as much as a globule of metal, although he does not say what it was. The sugar company is large enough to be injurious. He declares adulteration unnecessary, and stamps it as a fraud upon the public.

Yellow Fever at St. Thomas.

NEW YORK, December 24.—The American consul at St. Thomas communicated to-day to the board of health that yellow fever is prevalent there, and that the disease has been misrepresented by the authorities to avoid quarantine.

A WORTHY WORK.

What a Sensible Woman Has Succeeded in Doing for Her Sex.

Blaine's Bankrupt Committee.

Special Dispatch to The Constitution.

WASHINGTON, December 24.—The Blaine committee without funds to prosecute its work. It was the opinion of Blaine and others that the \$20,000 appropriated last session for the use of the Senate committee appointed to investigate charges against the president was disbursed by the Senate to inquire into the alleged frauds in the presidential election and not to defraying the expenses of the committee under the Blaine resolution.

The River Closed.

St. Louis, December 24.—The Mississippi river is closed by ice from St. Paul to Cairo.

—They say that Colonel Mapleton, the impresario, is a splendid chef de claque. An exchange describes him in a proceeding box at every open opera house, a standing ovation. He acts as it were, the roll call of the belle-terre; he starts the applause and the rest fall in.

The Thermometer.

CINCINNATI, December 24.—The thermometer is at zero, and there are several inches of snow on the ground.

Christmas Services.

Christmas services at St. Philip's: morning prayer; sermon; and holy communion at 11 o'clock; special offering for widows and orphans of deceased clergy.

Mr. Leggett's friends thought the plan bold, if not unsafe. But she devoted herself personally to her business, had twenty-eight years at the end of the month, and had had thirteen. None were admitted unless references, personal appearance, and demeanor were satisfactory, and those who were admitted were so little hampered by regulations that they were scarcely aware of any restrictions. Knowledge of social manners—“curtsies” and the like—was not required, and an average of \$6 a week was paid, and that it was out of the question

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A TAR-HEEL TRAGEDY.

THE MURDER OF A YOUNG MERCHANT.

Discovery and Arrest of the Criminals—The Arrest—Waylaid by a Mob and Found Beheaded to a Tree—An Unfortunate Woman—An Ohio Tragedy.

Special dispatch to The Constitution.

WILMINGTON, N. C., December 24.—Mr. W. G. Fowler, a merchant of Mooresville, was attacked, robbed and left senseless near his store, December 17th, and died from the injuries received, on the 20th. Suspicion pointed to a negro named Gillespie who has been seen around the store about dusk. He was arrested and confessed having planned murder, but implicated a negro named Davidson as the perpetrator, and stated they had afterwards divided the money taken from Fowler's person. Davidson confessed Gillespie's statement to be true. About dusk, on the evening of the 21st, a deputy sheriff with a guard of twenty men started for Statesville with the prisoners.

When about two miles from the town, the party was overtaken by fifty to eighty white men and negroes, who, in the face of a determined resistance, captured the negro Davidson and disappeared. Sun-

day morning Davidson's dead body was found suspended to the limb of a tree some two miles from the scene of the capture. The deputy succeeded in escaping with Gillespie and lodged him safely in jail at Statesville on Sunday morning. Great excitement still exists at Mooresville. Mr. Fowler was a young man of quiet, orderly habits, and had lately moved to Mooreville from this city. He leaves a wife.

CINCINNATI, December 24.—A special dis-

patch says Eva Leroy, a young woman, was found lying in the road badly frozen, near Cincinnati, last night. She was brought to town and identified as Anna B. 26, recently both bright and dark, with little rest. We were also put to considerable expense on account of our horses, being frequently compelled to leave our horses stock, and we were compelled to pay for the services of the negroes who had been ill.

It affords great pleasure to add that the sentiments of the inhabitants of this locality have undergone a great change on our arrival and we were looked on with distinct favor. We were told that there was no illicit distilling in these counties, but our discoveries have the determination of a discharge in our conduct and our character, and the good name of the men employed we wrought a change in their feeling and most of the better class of citizens have expressed regret at our departure. There is no doubt that our opinions in the matter of distilling have had the effect of the blockade whisky supply in these lower counties, and unless occasional raids made to these parts, illicit distilling will again be made.

THE CAROLINA MOONSHINERS.

A Great Change of Feeling Reported.

Washington, D. C., December 24.—Com-

misioner Rain has received a detailed report from Collector Brayton, of South Carolina, of the operations carried on in Abbeville county by the special revenue force under command of Deputy Collector Hoffman, from the 3d to the 18th instant. The report shows that seven illicit stills have been destroyed, a quantity ranging from thirty to one hundred and a day. Ten illicit distillers were arrested.

The report concludes: In accomplishing the above work, the force has saved five hundred and nine illicit stills and seized 260, mostly both bright and dark, with little rest. We were also put to considerable expense on account of our horses, being frequently compelled to leave our horses stock, and we were compelled to pay for the services of the negroes who had been ill.

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BUYING GLOVES IN PARIS.

How a Fellow Feels When She Softly Takes His Hand in Hers.

—The time has come when a woman

never quite understand why so many married men go to Europe and leave their wives behind, but the reason is made apparent by what follows. They go to Paris to buy their gloves, which opens the eyes of the world.

—A few days ago, by a correspondent:

Behind the counter stand several smiling, self-possest young women, whose eyes turn with a look of disdain on the customers.

—He approaches the counter, and asks the girl to take his hand, and she looks at him with a smile, and says, "I am here to buy a pair of gloves."

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ATLANTA DAILY CONSTITUTION.

We have few promises to make to THE CONSTITUTION for 1870. The paper speaks for itself, and upon that basis we hope to support it. The public at the least, the brightest, the severest of the most complete daily journal published in the south. This is the yachet of our readers, and the verdict of the most critical of our exchange, some of whose opinions we take pleasure in presenting below.

The managers will be pardoned for briefly alluding to some of the features which give THE CONSTITUTION preminence among southern papers.

It prints all the news, both by mail and telegraph.

Its telegraphic service is fuller than that of any other Georgia paper—its special dispatches pacing it upon a foot, so far as the news is concerned, in the various southern journals.

III. Its compilation of the news by mail is the freshest of the best, compiling everything of interest in the current news literature of the day.

IV. Its editorial department is full, bright and vivacious, and its paragraphs and opinions are more widely quoted than those of any southern journal. It is the most popular of political interest, and touches upon all current themes.

Colonel Alston's Letter.

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What the Critics Say.

The best paper in the south—Keokuk Constitution.

The ablest paper of the south—Burlington Hawkings.

One of the most desirable journals in the country—Detroit Free Press.

The brightest and liveliest daily paper in the south—Nashville Daily American.

There is no better newspaper in the southern states—Charlotte Observer.

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ATLANTA, GA., DECEMBER 25, 1878.

This winter solstice, or the shortest day and the longest night of the year, is passed, to the great joy of those who have twelve hours of work to perform in nine hours of daylight. The days will now begin to lengthen and to strengthen in cold and general discomfort. We are, however, faring better than the people of Switzerland, northern France and the states along the Canada line, all of whom are contending with the troubles that attend a fall of snow three feet deep.

The Tennessee legislature meets next week, and it will grapple with the debt question without much delay. Governor Porter will recommend a compromise at sixty cents on the dollar, at four per cent. interest, or fifty cents on the dollar at six per cent. interest. The face value of the debt is about twenty-one millions. Governor Porter's proposal is not acceptable to either the people or the bondholders, and is therefore as good a compromise, doubtless, as the case admits of. Next to Virginia, Tennessee has the most difficult debt problem in the south.

The death of Representative Douglass carried the number of deaths of members of the present congress up to five, namely, Quinan, Leonard, Welch, Williams and Douglass. Three other members are very sick, none of whom will be able, it is thought, to again take their seats. These are Governor Walker, of Virginia, and Messrs. Riddle and Thorburn, of Tennessee. Mr. Riddle comes from a district of remarkable ill-fortune. To this congress it first elected Mr. Head. He died, it elected Mr. Rice. He too died, and Mr. Riddle was chosen. Mr. Riddle may live, but his mind and body alike incapacitate him for further service.

TO-morrow morning there will be no construction of the Atlanta pattern. It is the only holiday, it is of state, church or people, that THE CONSTITUTION respects to the extent of a stoppage of its regular issue. We go through the advent of a new year, the day specially given up to the American eagle, the anniversaries of George Washington, General Jackson and other old-time worthies, and the day of national thanksgiving, keeping the busy if not the even tenor of our way; but on Christmas THE CONSTITUTION, from the man who holds the purse to the junior office boy, takes a holiday. And we are sure none of our readers will begrimed them their solitary week-day rest of the year.

A CHARLOTTE man has started a novel movement for the purpose of effectively refuting the lies that the republican party are scattering broadcast as a part of the campaign of 1880. He has issued a circular calling a convention of the northern men who have settled in the south since the war. He proposes to let northern men tell northern men about the condition of the south, socially and otherwise. The Raleigh Review, in its notice of the movement, says: "We believe that a formal utterance of opinion and conviction from men of northern birth and education, who have lived amongst us, will be of service to the south, and we hope that this effort will be successful. If they believe not even them, neither will they believe one though he should rise from the grave. We want the northern people to believe the truth, but if they will not, we give them the assurance that if they can stand it we do."

Congress adjourned leaving sections 820 and 821 of the revised statutes unpassed. Section 820 disqualifies all persons compromised with "the rebellion" from serving on grand or petit juries in the United States courts. Section 821 leaves the power of giving any

one so compromised a seat on juries in the United States courts within the discretion of the United States district attorney. The senate revised bill covered both of these sections, but the radicans of the senate are disinclined towards a repeal of section 821. Senator Beck finally concluded to ask the obstructionists to pass a bill repealing section 820. It was passed, but when it reached the house that body had adjourned for the holiday recess. The senate bill will be adopted by the house after the recess, and Mr. Hartridge's bill for the repeal of section 821 sent to the senate, thus placing upon the expiring power of the republican party the responsibility of the continuance of so venomous and unpatriotic a section in the national laws.

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A Season of Cheer.

It seems to be the universal opinion, as conveyed to the public by our reporters, that the present is the most substantial Christmas season' that we have ever known. It is quite possible that during the flush and lavish times just succeeding the war larger amounts of money may have been spent and more costly presents purchased. But it seems to be assured that never has the blessed holiday week found so many persons able and willing to have a Christmas celebration of their own. The holiday crowds in the stores are simply unprecedented. The clerks cannot bear attend to all calls, and many have to leave without being waited on. It is a good sign, too, as stated by our reporters, that the purchases are closer and smaller as a usual thing than ever before. It shows that the people have become prudent and thrifty, and have quit the old loose way of buying. The care with which the purchases are made is more than balanced in the salesmen's estimation by the fact that they are paid for in cash. It is notable, too, that the middle and laboring classes seem to be running this Christmas. The wives of the mechanics are out in force, laying in supplies of good things and toys. These things seem to argue that while wages have been lowered, the cost of essential articles of living has been lowered even more, and that the surplus in the hands of the workingmen is larger than it has been for years. It also argues that there are fewer men out of work than there have been.

The force of these facts will be appreciated when we state that they are not exceptional. The close observer must have noted for the past two years a gradual and steady improvement in the condition of our people. There is a brightness and cheerfulness on all faces, and bed-rock having reached the future justifies the hope of improvement. In the agricultural columns of THE CONSTITUTION, carefully and ably edited, there have been notices without number of successful farmers who have made unexampled crops, and the tone of those columns demonstrates, without doubt, that the farmers are much better off than they have been in years.

Altogether, THE CONSTITUTION, with its heart full of love for our grand old state, catches the infectious gladness of the occasion, and enters upon its work with a renewed strength and cheerfulness. The resolution was finally adopted by a vote of 56 to 6. General Gordon voted "aye," Mr. Hill "no."

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Daily Weather Report.

OBSERVER'S OFFICE, SIGNAL CORPS, U. S. A., KIRKMAN HOUSE, December 24, 1878, P. M.

All observations taken at the same moment of each day:

NAME OF STATION.	Temperature.	Thermometer.	Bar. Height.	Direction Wind.	Wind.	Weather.
Atlanta	30.31 31 89	N. W. .00	Cloudy.			
Augusta	30.32 30 45	N. W. .00	Cloudy.			
Knoxville	30.21 67 79	N. E. .00	Fair			
Gainesville	30.21 67 81	N. E. .00	Cloudy.			
Concord	30.57 25 38	N. N. .00	Cloudy.			
New Orleans	30.36 36 90	N. N. .00	Cloudy.			
Mobile	30.26 26 90	N. N. .00	Light rain.			
Montgomery	30.44 31 89	N. N. .02	Sleet.			

Local Weather Report.

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Time. Bar. Therm. Wind. Direction Wind. Weather.

7 a.m. 30.29 70 N. W. Cloudy.

11:31 30.34 34 N. W. Cloudy.

2 p.m. 30.31 36 81 N. W. Fair.

9 p.m. 30.34 32 79 N. W. Cloudy.

Mean daily bar. 30.325 Maximum ther. 39

Mean daily temp. 33.8 Minimum ther. 30

Mean daily wind. 64.7 Total rainfall. .00

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Hall corner Broad and Marietta—December 26,

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TO-DAYS ADVERTISEMENTS.

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Five-horse engine for sale—Constitution.

The Constitution.

ATLANTA, GA., DECEMBER 25, 1878.

SIDEWALK NOTES.

—Merry Christmas to all.

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—Atlanta is a poor place for dog fights.

—All our banks will close up shop to-day.

—The city will be full of visitors to-day.

—Our candy merchants are having a feast.

—The lawyers have a week's holiday.

—The city is flooded with fine poultry.

—Send out your Christmas presents to-day.

—The CONSTITUTION will issue no paper to-morrow.

—The Young Men's library will be closed to-day.

—Beef is said to be scarce in our city at present.

—Several hand-made articles are to be raffled off at the fair.

—Go to the Benevolent home fair Thursday night.

—Life, in all of its forms, is neat at Union passenger depot daily.

—What did you get in your stocking this morning?

—The boys who went to bed without undressing got up with their stockings filled.

—A good many Christmas trees delighted the little folks this morning.

—Help the ladies in their Benevolent home fair Thursday night.

—The Kimball will set a royal Christmas dinner to-night.

—How your tin horns, explode your fire-works and let 'er roll.

—The ladies fair will remain open all day to-day and to-night.

—Two false alarms of fire—one on Sunday and the other the day following.

—This will be a very merry Christmas for the fat turkeys.

—Now, lookout, boys, don't drink more than you can carry.

—Work upon the Catholic church is rapidly progressing.

—It is rumored that some turkey shoot-off.

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